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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. ITABASHI, et al.  
Application No.: 09/678,800  
Filed: October 4, 2000  
For: ELECTROLESS COPPER PLATING MACHINE THEREOF, AND  
MULTI-LAYER PRINTED WIRING BOARD  
Group: 2841  
Examiner: T. Dinh

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 15, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.